



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: RAYBORN, Jerry  
Serial No.: 10/667,318  
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Title: WATER-BASED DRILLING FLUID ADDITIVE CONTAINING TALC AND GRAPHITE  
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
United States Patent & Trademark Office  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**TERMINAL DISCLAIMER TO OBVIATE A PROVISIONAL DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION**

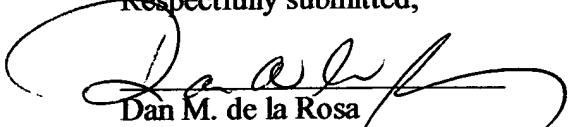
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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